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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT EXAMINING OPERATION

Re: Application No. 09/397,325; Filed: 09/16/1999
Applicant: Gene W. Arant; Confirmation No. 8607
For: ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED METHOD OF COMPOSING INFORMATION
Group Art Unit 2178; Examiner Cesar B. Paula

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

This RCE summarizes and augments the three responses that were filed to the Final Action of January 31, 2006.

According to Applicant's method, when the operator adjusts the dwell time, and before adjusting it again, a plurality of information segments will pass through the viewing window (transfer location) for possible copying to output, all without further operator intervention. Each of those information segments pauses at the very same transfer location for the very same amount of dwell time, irrespective of whether or not it was copied to output.

The purpose of Applicant's invention is to allow the operator to experiment with a dwell time that may be greater than necessary, less than necessary, or perhaps an optimum value. This is an educational process, as explained in the Educator's Report that was originally an addendum to the specification but was cancelled by Amendment filed on March 27, 2006.

Distinguishing language in the claims is as follows:

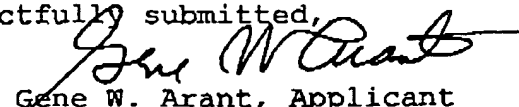
In Claim 17 "...from time to time manually controlling the apparatus to select a different dwell time...".

In Claim 32 "...so as to visibly display additional information elements during a thus-adjusted dwell time...".

In Claim 33 "...from time to time manually adjusting the speed of advance of the sequence of information elements and hence the dwell time for display of each information element."

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Respectfully submitted,


Gene W. Arant, Applicant

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